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1. EMBASSY APPRECIATES DEPT ASSISTANCE AS STATED REFTELS. DR. PARKINSON AND WIFE IN FACT ARRIVED SUDDENLY ON FEB 28 (THEY INFORMED US FROM BEIRUT). THEY HAVE JUST COMPLETED WHAT THEY DESCRIBE AS A HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL VISIT TO GAFSA WHERE THEY WERE GIVEN ROYAL TREATMENT. INDEED, DESPITE FOUL-UP IN TRANSPORTATION TO GAFSA (COURTESY OF CAR RENTAL COMPANY), PARKINSON IS MOST ENTHUSIASTIC AND INTENDS TO PROMOTE VIGOROUSLY NEW INITIATIVES DESIGNED TO BUILD TIES BETWEEN THE CITIES.

2. PARKINSON STATES THAT HE IS SENDING TELEGRAM TO INDIO REPORTING ON HIS VISIT HERE BEFORE LEAVING FOR ROME MARCH 4. DEPT MAY NONETHELESS WISH TELEPHONE INDIO CITY AUTHORITIES IN DAY OR SO AND TELL THEM OF SUCCESS OF VISIT. YOU MAY ALSO WISH TELL THEM THAT TWO PACKAGES HAD ARRIVED AT EMBASSY FOR PARKINSON (SLIDES AND PRESENT FOR WIFE OF GOVERNOR) BEFORE HE DID. WHEN OTHERS ARRIVE WE WILL SEE THAT THEY REACH PROPER DESTINATION.
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